

**Ohio State University Libraries**  
**Faculty Meeting – September 24, 2014**

**Faculty Governance Committees – Introduction for New Members of the Faculty**

Fern Cheek (Chair of the Faculty Advisory Council) introduced the members of the committee. Rocki Strader is the Vice Chair for this year. Danny Dotson (Chair of the Committee on Appointment, Promotion, and Tenure) introduced members of the committee. Jenny Robb is the Mentoring Coordinator for this year. Magda El-Sherbini (Chair of the Committee on Faculty Benefits, Privileges, and Research) reviewed the responsibilities of the committee and introduced the members. David Lincove is the Travel Coordinator for the year. Magda reported that CFRR has reviewed the process managing Special Assignment applications, including deadlines.

**Director's Report**

Carol Diedrichs reviewed the Provost's academic priorities:

- Enhance the undergraduate, graduate and professional student experience.
- Develop the Discovery Themes of Energy and Environment, Food Production and Security Health, and Health and Wellness.
- Develop eLearning at OSU.
- Facilitate new models of faculty evaluation and rewards in an interdisciplinary climate.
- Balance affordability and access and excellence for our students.
- Enhance the arts at Ohio State and our connections with the Columbus arts community.

Carol also reviewed learning space and library enhancements from the previous year. 89 full-room technology upgrades were completed on campus. 4 new Digital Union locations opened. In a collaboration with the Office of Distance Education and E-learning, we added 425 new computers at 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Thompson Library. Renovation at 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue was completed, including the new entrance and renovated rest rooms. Construction for the Research Commons at 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue will begin in summer 2015. Renovation at the Food, Agriculture, and Environmental Sciences Library began in June. The Billy Ireland Cartoon Library and Museum opened in November. Work continues with the College of Pharmacy, Arts & Sciences, and the Office of Research on renovation of space that incorporated part of the Biological Sciences/Pharmacy Library.

Carol reported that the Commencement Speaker Advisory Committee has implemented a portal for speaker nominations and general information about the selection of Commencement speakers: <https://oaa.osu.edu/commencement.html>. The Committee has developed a calendar and a communications plan to encourage nominations. There will be an ad campaign to help gather the names of potential speakers for next spring until mid-October, at which time the Committee will meet to evaluate nominations.

Carol reported that Research In View is being discontinued. Promotion and Tenure reviews will not be affected this academic year. A task force has been charged with recommending a replacement by December 15<sup>th</sup>. Alison Armstrong will represent OSUL. Mike Hofherr and Susan Williams will present the task force report to OAA leadership and the Council of Deans for review before making a final decision during spring semester.

Carol reported on an initiative by the Association of Research Libraries on strategic thinking and design, intended to chart a course for the organization in support of emergent roles for research libraries.

**Follow-Up to the Facilitated Discussion at the June Faculty Meeting**

Fern Cheek reviewed the summary of responses from faculty members collected at the facilitated discussion. These responses will be used by FAC to plan future Faculty Meetings.

**Governance Committee Annual Reports**

The annual reports for FAC and CFBRR were made available to faculty members before the meeting. There were no questions.

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